

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MANILA 03289 140948Z

17

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 EB-07

AID-05 MMS-01 ACDA-05 TRSE-00 IGA-01 /074 W

----- 048174

R 140900Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1360

INFO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

CINCPAC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MANILA 3289

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, RP

SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE CONCERN ABOUT INDOCHINA

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

REF: MANILA 3123

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS' EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ABOUT FATE OF INDOCHINA, VOICED PRIVATELY TO VISITING DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS, HAVE BEEN PARALLELED BY EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN IN CONTROLLED MANILA PRESS. PLIGH OF SMALL PHILIPPINE COMMUNITY IN CAMBODIA HAS ATTRACTED LARGEST HEADLINES (SUCH AS TIMES JOURNAL'S MARCH 11 "FILIPINOS FLEE AS P. PENH TOTTERS") BUT UNITED STATES IS DRAWING FAIRLY WIDE-SPREAD CRITICISM FOR ITS WAVERING AND INCREASINGLY UNCERTAIN SUPPORT OF A SERIOUS COMMITMENT.

2. BULLETIN COLUMNIST TEODORO VALENCIA COMMENTED ON MARCH 9, QUOTE LON NOL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA IS FIGHTING FOR DEAR LIFE BUT IT IS UNITED STATES THAT'S UNDERTRIAL AT CETNER STAGE OF WORLD OPINION. LONGER USA DELAYS AID, LESS PROBABLE IS SURVIVAL OF CAMBODIA'S AMERICAN-BACKED
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MANILA 03289 140948Z

GOVERNMENT. ASIAN COUNTRIES ARE WATCHING ACTION WITHKEEN

INTEREST. IF PHNOM PENH FALLS, IT WON'T BE BECAUSE LON NOL FORCES DID NOT TRY HARD ENOUGH. THEY AN ALWAYS SAY THEY WERE ABANDONED TO DEFEAT. US CONGRESS HAS EXCELLENT CHANCE TODOWNGRADE FORD ADMINISTRATION IN EYES OF WORLD. END QUOTE. BULLETIN CARTOON OF MARCH 14. SHOWS A BEFUDDLED UNCLE SAM STRIPPING PETALS FROM DAISY OVER CAPTION "HELP CAMBODIA... DON'T HELP..."

3. IN MARCH 12 EDITORIAL, EXPRESS (INDIRECTLY OWNED BY PRESIDENT MARCOS) SUGGESTED "DIEN BIEN PHU-LIKE COLLAPSE" OF CAMBODIA SHOULD CAUSE PHILIPPINES TO REEXAMINE "EXISTING ALLIANCES," CLEARLY MEANING ITS ALLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES (TEXT BEING POUCHED). ON MARCH 13 TIMES JOURNAL (CONTROLLED BY MRS. MARCOS' FAMILY) REPRINTED MANCHESTER GUARDIAN EDITORIAL NOTING LIKELY CONCLUSION OF US ALLIES THAT "UNITED STATES NOW ABANDONS ITS ALLIES WHEN GOING GETS ROUGH."

4.COMMENT. REACTION TO CAMBODIAN CRISIS ILLUSTRATES THAT, IN SPITE OF PRIDE WHICH VIRTUALLY ALL FILIPINOS TAKE IN REORIENTING THEMSELVES TOWARD ASIA AND OPENING NEW CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST POWERS, GOP CONTINUES TO ATTACH FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO US ALLIANCE, AND TO BE DEEPLY CONCERNED AT ANY SUGGESTED DIMINUTION OF ALLIANCES'S RELIABILITY. SULLIVAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, ALLIANCE, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MANILA03289
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750089-0819
From: MANILA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750350/aaaabswj.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 MANILA 3123
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 JUL 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <10 JUL 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PHILIPPINE CONCERN ABOUT INDOCHINA CINCPAC FOR POLAD
TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, RP, XC, (MARCOS, FERDINAND)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006